

MARSHFIELD.

W. D. Baker is setting out his cranberry vines.

Chas. Sears of Green Harbor built nine dories and one sail boat last winter.

Mr. Thelston of Cambridge is building a house on Duxbury beach.

S. Elliot Lane has recently completed a large sail boat that he has been building this last winter.

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The much needed repairs have been commenced on Rainbow bridge near Duxbury beach.

Wm. H. Taylor, surveyor of district leading from S. B. Chandler to the station, has made many improvements. The sidewalks have had special attention paid to them, and now in good condition.

The new road opposite H. C. Dunham has been completed and it has been accepted by the selectmen.

The County Commissioners have widened and straightened the road leading from Cap. Cushing Sprague's to Crooked Lane.

Russell Hatch drives one of F. W. Hinch's barges to Brant Rock this summer having commenced Monday.

George H. Hinchcock has recently received from Canada a full blooded Jersey heifer, whose mate sold for \$1100.

The family of Willard Houghton, of Hudson, will commence their season at Mabel Cottage in about four weeks.

Mr. A. Phillips has had a beautiful boat built in Kingston for his sister, Miss Matilda, and named The Adelaide.

Some over 20,000 lobsters have been shipped from Green Harbor for the last month, by freight, to say nothing of those sent by express and peddlers.

Some of the lobster boys, met with a new neighbor one accustomed to inhabit warmer latitudes. A big sea turtle, large as a barrel off the shallows by North River.

Last Friday afternoon, officers from Plymouth and Marshfield made a cut on some of the Hotel keepers at Cut River. At L. J. McDan's a few bottles of cider and ale were found secured under a horse stall in the stable. That was when "Lot" kept his machine.

Much interest has been manifested in providing a bell for Grace Chapel. Some \$75 or \$80 was raised at the Webster mansion for that purpose, and with the \$45 in the treasury, contributed for the bell, and what amount other friends are ready to give, we might reasonably expect soon to hear the Sabbath bells ringing in Christian tone upon the air. Pleasantly it would sound over hillside and ocean reminding all of the welcome day of rest.

Mr. Editor:

In last week's issue under the head of Green Harbor was an item saying "We learn there is to be no services held in Grace Chapel this season and that some one is responsible for this state of things and who with the congregation, who are in reply to it, would say if your correspondent from Green Harbor is anxious for the public to know the full and correct answer to his latest inquiry I am prepared and it is given in detail with pleasure, in some future number of your journal and in closing would ask your correspondent to give his opinion of the propriety of taking the "bell found" to point Grace Chapel while it remains in situ.

One of the Com. on Painting.

CROOKED LANE.

Arrival of Prof. A. J. Osborne of Cambridgeport.

The return ball was so well attended it was decided to have the same music, Joyce's band of Boston, Wednesday evening, May 21.

Mr. George Hunt, formerly of Hingham, now in the brush trade put in for repair last week. Started for the North Shore, May day night.

Sorry to hear that there has been some complaint in regard to school here. Since we have been away the School Committee have been around investigating. We await the result.

E. C. Hatch (baker) last week while hating his horse and partaking of a lunch a fire broke out in his wagon. On investigation it was found to be in his coat, supposed to have been caught by a match dropped after lighting his cigar. No great amount of damage and no insurance.

County Commissioners arrived last Wednesday and left, widening the road from here to Marshfield. The road was sandy and crooked and this made the second time they have been called on and it is to be hoped that it will be worked and laid out in a decent manner this time.

L. P. Simmons has an oat field of one acre sown in drills, ten inches apart, putting in 16 lbs. which he thinks 18 lbs. would have been better and wishes he had done so. They are looking nicely and are watched by many to see the result, they are the welcome oat and he says they were so heavy that he could put the 16 lbs. in a sack measure.

SOUTH DUXBURY.

Old Orchard country is to be repaired, and otherwise fitted up for the convenience of summer tenants.

At a distance, our hotel now has the appearance of quite an imposing brick edifice, the combination of red and gray tending to that effect.

Rev. James B. Dunn, D. D., formerly of Boston, has returned from Florida, where he spent the winter, and will remain during the summer at his residence in Duxbury.

Mr. Samuel Hall, of Brewster, was in town last week on a visit to his old friends. It is twenty years since his last visit in town. He is a great admirer of the place, and would like to pass his life here.

Sweet violets abound on the hill-sides, and great numbers are taken from their mossy homes, thence to go to the city, and cheer tired city dwellers with a glimpse of beauty and freshness from the country.

SOUTH SCITUATE.

MEMORIAL DAY.

HEADQUARTERS OF WILFRED ROBINSON, POST 112, G. A. R., DEPART, MAY 10th, 1884.

CIRCULAR NO. 1.

Memorial Day (May 30th) will be observed by Post 112, as follows: At 9 A. M. The Post will assemble at Assinippi Hall, West Scituate, where they will unite with Post 28 of Hanover, (by invitation) and decorate the graves of the soldiers in the Cemetery at Assinippi.

At 11 A. M. Decoration of graves at Church Hill.

At 2 P. M. Decoration of graves near the Soldiers' Monument at the Centre of the Town.

At 3 P. M. Address in the First Church (Warriors) by Rev. Mr. Eaton of Weymouth.

Flowers and Wreaths for Assinippi Cemetery may be left with Commodore F. H. Harris and P. Robinson. For Church Hill Cemetery with Commodore David Barford. For the Soldiers' Monument and the Cemetery near the Centre of the Town, with Commodore Charles W. Sparrell and John Lewis.

Flowers, wreaths, etc., intended for any graves should be plainly addressed and will be accepted by the Post.

Contributions of Wreaths and Flowers solicited. All Soldiers and Sailors, members of the G. A. R., Town Officers, Clergymen, Citizens and the Scholars of our Schools are cordially invited to join in the procession during the day.

Made by the South Scituate Land.

By Order of T. B. CHAPMAN, Post Com'r. CHAS. W. SPARRELL, Post Adj't.

CIRCULAR NO. 2.

Memorial Services will be held at the Universalist Church, West Scituate, Sunday, May 25, 1884, at 10 A. M. Rev. Wm. C. Littlefield, of Berlin, Mass., Services to commence at 1:30 P. M. Members of Post 112 to meet at Assinippi Hall at 1 P. M. sharp.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Citizens of the Town and vicinity to attend. Per Order T. B. CHAPMAN, Post Com'r. C. W. SPARRELL, Post Adj't.

Some maliciously disposed person has industriously circulated the report that Post 112 G. A. R. were on the point of breaking up and surrendering their charter. Now we don't think the G. A. R. boys are the kind that do much surrendering and we are authorized by those in authority and know what they are about, to state that they are as lively as ever and have no intention of giving up, although on account of the unexpected burning of the Town Hall they have been obliged to hire Assinippi Hall in which to hold their meetings.

Hanover Post 83 will attend memorial services at Dr. Brooks (Episcopal Church) Hanover Corners, Sunday, May 25th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

While there is life there is hope. Another town meeting is called by warrant to be held in the fifth district school-house, Thursday, May 29, to which you are cordially invited. The more the stay-at-home voters think about it the more they wish they had been at the last meeting. Call out the voters, turn out, deposit your ballot for the Town Hall, there you want it, not where some one else wants it. That is the only honest way to settle the question, no one can vote for you if you vote by ballot and the check list will be like men and show your colors.

CHURCH HILL.

Resolutions passed by Cold Water Division, No. 26, of T. on the death of Mrs. Hattie Arnold, wife of P. R. Arnold.

Winnakes, Mass. In this division which has removed our beloved sister, Mrs. Hattie Arnold.

Resolved, That while we endeavor to live in humble submission to the will, knowing that the death of all things will, we would treasure in loving memory her gentle words, her purity of character, her loving kindness, and her faithfulfulness as a wife and sister.

Resolved, That in our sister's death we feel deeply afflicted, and extend our warm and sincere sympathy to her relatives and the many friends to whom she was very dear.

Resolved, That in her protracted and severe illness we have new convincing evidence of her patience in suffering; in her death another proof of the brevity of human life, and in the loss we sustain a severe incentive to true living.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, with the assurance not only of deep sympathy, but our continual interest in their welfare and happiness.

The following officers of Union Social Temple, No. 1, of W. Scituate were installed Wednesday evening, May 14, by S. D. G. W. T. Martha Wells of Melrose, assisted by D. G. W. T. C. D. Barnard of So. Scituate.

S. P. T.—Sarah Henderson. B. P. T.—Wm. L. Henderson. S. N. T.—Alice Curtis. B. V. T.—Herbert L. Curtis. S. R.—Lizzie F. Mann. B. R.—Charles Jacobson. S. F.—Lucinda Curtis. S. T.—Sarah Blanchard. S. C.—Josephine Corbitt. S. C.—John Corbitt. S. Usher—Lizzie Turner. S. Usher—Wm. F. Turner. S. G.—Ella Brown. S. G.—James J. Sears.

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Scituate Harbor.

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors in submitting the report on the proposed improvement of Scituate Harbor, make a singular misapprehension of the nature of the case. It is now said that the Committee included Scituate among a list of small harbors, the claims of which might be properly postponed. The nature of the matter involved an entire misapprehension of the facts. Scituate harbor cannot be compared with large harbors, but the object sought for in regard to its improvement is peculiarly great. This is to afford refuge to vessels in the harbor with adverse winds and weather on the dangerous coast of Massachusetts Bay, it being the only place within the Bay where such a harbor of refuge can conveniently be made, and at comparatively moderate cost. It is well known that the Moderations is staided with harbors of great capacity and that these are mostly artificial or ones in which nature has been assisted by art, and that vast pains and expense were bestowed upon many of these two thousand years ago, and sometimes at a still earlier date. In a word, the claims of Scituate, in the interest of general commerce and of the harbor itself, are of a nature and of a magnitude which cannot be postponed or treated as a matter of minor importance.

The following recapitulation will show something of the history of this measure and how persons competent to judge of a question of this kind have heretofore regarded it. In the year 1878 the published papers were filled with the Congressional Committee on Rivers and Harbors for as the western beginning "whereas, etc., etc., etc., or on reason in any other part whatever, except that the commercial interests of Boston are chiefly concerned in making the harbor of Scituate a harbor for the city, therefore, is one worthy of statement, and it is not to be mixed up with other matters of inferior importance.

1. Memorial of large numbers of inhabitants of Scituate.

2. That of Boston Board of Trade.

3. Of Boston Board of Underwriters.

4. Of New York Board of Underwriters.

5. Of Massachusetts Harbor Commissioners.

6. Of Boston Marine Society.

7. Of the two Marine Societies of Salem, Mass.

8. Of Newburyport Marine Society.

9. Of Boston Branch Pilgrimage.

10. Of Merchants and Shipmasters of Portland, Me.

11. Of Merchants and Mariners of Duxbury, Mass.

12. Of one hundred and forty-nine Merchants and Mariners of Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass.

13. An earnest recommendation from Hon. F. O. Prince, Mayor of Boston.

14. Wrecks and loss of life by shipwreck at Scituate and near by, for thirty-five years before A. D. 1878 from records and personal memory of the Scituate, viz:

1. Vessels stranded and many totally lost, 101.

2. Loss of life in these cases (approximate) 245.

3. Wrecks and loss of life by them at or near Scituate, from A. D. 1878 to upwards: 1. Vessels stranded, or totally lost, 35.

2. Lives lost on cliffs or in surf, 35.

This was not the beginning; by any means of efforts for this object. In the year 1861 Mr. Seth Webb, a legal practitioner of Scituate and Boston, and a native of Scituate, procured many documents of a similar nature, representing the marine interests of Massachusetts, which were then also filed with the Committee on Rivers and Harbors. In order to show how the matter fell through, though so well supported by competent testimony, in its favor, it is necessary to revert to the state of political sentiment at the time. Franklin Pierce had just been elected President, and the House of Representatives was strongly Democratic. The relations between the North and South were, to say the least, delicate. The Representatives from the District of Scituate, was Mr. T. D. Elliot, of New Bedford, there also of the district. He was a gentleman of ability and learning, and afterwards was appointed a Justice of the State Court of Common Pleas. Unhappily for a matter of special Massachusetts interest, Mr. Elliot held uncompromising abolitionist opinions, and the result was that his influence in the House was not of the slightest account. No effort on his part enabled him to gain the attention of the speaker. Upon asking for such notice, at a private interview, the speaker told him explicitly, "Mr. Elliot, I cannot see you." Hence the failure to obtain an appropriation for Scituate Harbor at that time.

Twenty years earlier, the measure was brought up in Congress by Mr. William Baylies of West Bridge water, the member for the formerly constituted District of which his place of residence was a part. He will be well remembered by the old members of the bar, as a very eminent counsel and a proponent of the very high character. Through his intervention Congress voted an appropriation of \$10,000 for a beginning; a sum equal in value to what is asked for at the present day. It was included in the general appropriation bill, and the whole voted by President Jackson for reasons we need not go into. It is not known with absolute certainty, but it is believed by the writer that this appropriation for the improvement of Scituate Harbor was the first ever made in Congress of a similar character. If so, such it must have been one of the very earliest. If stood out, therefore, alone upon the entire Atlantic coast, as demanding the help of the nation in protecting its life and property of a most abundant and deserving class of the national population.

But for such untimely accidents, there is reason to believe that the work Scituate would have long ago completed, and that the harbor would have been a place of refuge and safety for many of the vessels which have been wrecked in the harbor.

Notwithstanding the discouragements specified, the measure was again introduced by Mr. Baylies in 1851. Three appropriations amounting to \$27,000 have been granted by Congress and finally applied by the various engineers. The failure of the present Congress on March 10th, 1884, to recommend the measure can only be accounted for by misapprehension of the real state of the case. But as the failure of the Government is palpable, it is and the money of the nation has been devoted to the work, and how many in unintermitted effort. The decision is yet in the hands of Congress.—*South Scituate Herald.*

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SCITUATE.

New moon Saturday.

Fruit trees are in bloom.

Hail storm Saturday last.

Straw hats have appeared.

Scituate short-cake in season.

Constable Gardner has a new horse.

A pore festival is talked of for the near future.

The first mackerel was caught off here Sunday.

Mr. Henry Jenkins' house is receiving a coat of paint.

Subscriptions are coming in slowly. Hurry them up, ye delinquents!

Mr. Colman Tilden of Stoneham, is stopping with Mr. Thomas Tilden.

Some of the mosses have begun their work pulling, but report that it is very short as yet.

Messrs. Ben Turner, C. Lincoln, Littlefield, Henry Prouty and Frank Young spent Sunday in Scituate.

Mrs. A. White of New York city made a flying visit to Scituate and So. Scituate, this week.

If you are in want of a house to purchase or to hire, consult our advertising columns.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hall of Dorchester, made Mrs. Callarine Hall a visit, this week.

If anyone has a house to let or for sale it will pay them to advertise in the columns of this paper.

The entertainment announced by the Unity Club in our last issue, has been postponed until next month.

Mr. Wm. P. Richardson advertises elsewhere a large room in his new building to let.

Mr. Stearns, who made the repairs on the M. E. Church, conducted the Tuesday evening prayer meeting.

Thursday being Ascension Day or Holy Thursday, mass was held at the Catholic church.

Mr. Dillaway's house near Union Hall, is advertised to let for the season, in another column.

A comfortable furnished cottage on the Sand Hills is advertised to let for July and August, in another column.

The copy for the catalogues for the Public Library is in the hands of the printers and will be ready for delivery Saturday, May 25.

The building formerly occupied by the South Shore Herald is being repaired. We understand it is to be occupied as a grocery store.

Mr. John L. Rodgers and wife were in town last Thursday and moved their furniture to No. Weymouth where they will spend the summer.

Miss Olive Causey received as a birthday present from her father, a row boat, built expressly for her by Mr. John Maddock.

Mr. Robert H. Hall, as chairman of building committee, advertises elsewhere, for sealed proposals for building East Grammar School-house.

Postmaster Waterman gives us the following points:

Whole number of Post Offices in the United States Jan. 1, 1870, 8,450; in Massachusetts Jan. 1, 1884, 48,434, in Massachusetts, 773. Offices of first class, 83; second class, 410; third class, 1,777; fourth class, 46,155; Whole number of presidential offices, 2,279. Postmaster in Scituate in 1870 was Gideon W. Young.

The wife and daughter of Mr. Luigi Monti, formerly U. S. Consul at Palermo, Sicily, have just arrived in New York, after a residence in Europe of twenty years. They will stop a day or two at Scituate, at the residence of Hon. George Lunt.

The interior of the Methodist Church, being out of condition to be used, services will be held in Union Hall again next Sunday, at the usual hours: Sunday school at 10:45 A. M., preaching at 2:30. There will be no evening service. We hope to reoccupy the church Sunday, June 1.

L. P. CAUSEY, Pastor.

To give all an opportunity to hear Rev. H. B. Hibben, there will be services held in Library Hall, Sunday evening, May 25, in addition to the services at G. A. R. Hall, in the morning. It was intended to have occupied the M. E. Church, but owing to its not being in readiness the P. Y. O. C. Library Association kindly offered the use of their hall.

The pupils of the High School will hold their annual strawberry festival on Thursday evening, May 29, at Grand Army Hall, Scituate Center, the proceeds to be expended for the best interests of the school. This is to be the great event of the season, and it is hoped that all will attend and assist in promoting the welfare of the High School. The pupils will, through our town's people at an early date to solicit aid in money, cake, etc., and it is desired that all should contribute as liberally as their means will allow. The exercises will begin at 7:45.

Elsewhere may be found the advertisement of Hotel Hunarock, which, as it is well known, is situated on one of the best beaches on this coast.

A number of Mr. Sargent's former guests at the Black Rock House, as well as most of last year's patrons of the Hunarock, have signified their intention of stopping with him during the summer. The party which will visit the Hotel June 17, will at least number one hundred. Mr. Davis, the popular clerk, who last year assisted

Mr. Hamblin in the management of the house, has been engaged by Mr. Sargent for the present season.

The first strawberry festival of the season was given by the Ladies' Industrial Society, Wednesday evening, which proved a very pleasant and profitable occasion. An entertainment was given, consisting of singing by Misses Annie Chubbuck, Grace Torrey, Olive Causey and Lillie Littlefield; readings by Mrs. Joseph Hall of Dorchester, and recitation by Miss Mabel Cole, all of which was very much enjoyed. Strawberries and cream, ice cream and confectionery found a ready sale. The tables were prettily decorated with bouquets of flowers. The strawberries were very nice; the ice cream, made by Mr. H. H. Hills, was delicious, and the cake, while in abundance, was excellent. The society netted about \$20 which will be devoted towards a new carpet for the M. E. Church.

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